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Most Cubans Want Castro Out, Ex-President Urrutia Reports

Former Aide of Premier Asserts Islanders Await Help From Outside

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MIAMI, April 6—Dr. Manuel Urrutia Lleo said today that the people in Cuba were waiting anxiously for assistance from outside to help them overthrow Premier Fidel Castro and eradicate Communism from the island.

Dr. Urrutia, who was the first President of Cuba following the victory of the Castro revolution, said: "The situation has changed since the Bay of Pigs invasion and today 90 per cent of the Cubans want to be free from the tyranny of the Communist Castro regime."

[British forces rounding up Cuban exiles in the Bahama Islands reported the capture of nine anti-Castro raiders, on Andros Island, it was reported from London.]

"The presence of Soviet troops has angered and disillusioned the Cuban people," he said, "but they cannot overthrow Castro without outside help."

The former President arrived here recently after spending two years as a political refugee in Havana. On July 17, 1959, he was suddenly removed from the Presidency by Fidel Castro after he had publicly expressed his opposition to Communism.

Later he went into the Venezuelan Embassy and when that country broke off relations with Cuba in November, 1961, he was transferred to the Mexican Embassy.

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Dr. Manuel Urrutia Lleo

Not until a few weeks ago did Dr. Castro consent to permit Dr. Urrutia to leave Cuba. The former President said he did not realize Premier Castro was a Communist until shortly before the Premier removed him.

"Castro had planned his actions well and not only deceived the Cuban people, but the United States as well," he said. "I had tried to resign in February, 1959, again when Castro became Premier and at the time I was removed from the Presi-

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dency I had already asked for leave of absence.'

"However, the attack against me by Fidel Castro that night when I left the Presidential Palace was a complete surprise to me."

Dr. Urrutia said he had become worried over the fact that Communists were becoming prominent in the Government and that he made his statement against Communism in July, 1959, to clarify his stand. This was one of the reasons given by Dr. Castro in forcing Dr. Urrutia to resign.

Dr. Urrutia said that the Premier today was a mere figurehead and that the island is being governed by the Soviet Union. He pointed to the failure of production as a good example of Communist rule. Under the capitalist system in Cuba the production of sugar was so great, he said, that it had to be restricted. But today that production has declined to such an extent that not even 3,000,000 tons of sugar will be produced this year, Dr. Urrutia predicted.

"Even with voluntary labor, which is actually slave labor," the former President said, "the Communist regime cannot produce the amount that private enterprise formerly produced in Cuba."

The former President considers the United States policy of trying to isolate Cuba politically and economically in error.

"Actually," he said, "Castro and the Communists are today isolating the United States through subversion in Latin America." He added:

"Only when Castro and Communism are eliminated from Cuba can Communists be defeated in the other Latin-American countries. Otherwise these countries will fall one by one into Communist hands."

If the Cubans living in exile are prevented by the United States from helping the anti-Castro guerrilla forces now fighting in the hills and those risking their lives to carry out sabotage against Castro, the former President said, the people in Cuba will become desperate. "Every raid and attack by Cuban exiles raises the spirit of those fighting Castro," he said.

Dr. Urrutia said the people in Cuba could not be made into Communists. "One of these days the people will start fighting with their bare hands, and there will be such a massacre as the world has never seen," he said.

Dr. Urrutia is to leave Miami tomorrow for New York.

British Seize 9 Cubans

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LONDON, April 6—Nine anti-Castro Cubans were arrested today by a party of British marines on Andros Island in the Bahamas, the Admiralty announced.

It said Lieut. Col. T. J. Pine-Coffin of the Parachute Regiment swam ashore from a seaplane and spent last night with the Cubans. Today an inspector of the Bahama police and a small party of marines flew to the island. They arrested the Cubans and confiscated their arms.

Another party, including some marines, is being sent to the area, about 20 miles south of Williams Island. The Admiralty said that no other Cubans were on Williams Island and that the marines and policemen were destroying most of the equipment found there.

Today's raid followed one on 16 anti-Castro Cuban raiders and one United States citizen at Norman's Key in the Exuma Islands. The 17 men were aboard a heavily armed motor launch from which they were said to have planned to attack a Soviet tanker.